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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GEODUCK FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck for live sale with a 500-pound area specific harvest limit from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2020:

<u>Cat and Dog Islands (Subdistricts 101-23-005, 101-41-005)</u>: will open for a remaining harvest of 6,000 pounds of geoduck.

The following areas will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck for live sale from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2020:

<u>East San Fernando Island (Subdistrict 103-60-001)</u>: will open for a guideline harvest level of 39,600 pounds of geoduck;

Blanquizal Islands (Subdistrict 103-70-005): will open for a guideline harvest level of 8,400 pounds of geoduck;

<u>Saint Nicholas Channel, North Lulu Island (Subdistrict 103-70-007)</u>: will open for a guideline harvest level of 95,000 pounds of geoduck.

Fishermen are reminded that unless otherwise specified, regulations regarding the geoduck fishery are stated in 5 AAC 38.142: Southeastern Alaska Geoduck Fishery Management Plan.

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck fishery announcement dated September 21, 2020, announcing the open areas and their guideline harvest levels. All companies buying geoduck clams must contact the Fish and Game, Ketchikan office before 12:00 noon on Friday, October 23, 2020.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M3220.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.

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